

Legal Blotter
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30th Space Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
(30 SW/JA)

Courts-Martial

A staff sergeant assigned to the 9th Space Operations Squadron was convicted at a special court-martial for driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury and dereliction of duty for failing to report a prior civilian conviction to supervision. The airman was sentenced to be confined for 100 days, reduced to the grade of E-1, a reprimand, and to receive a bad conduct discharge.

A senior airman within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was convicted at a special court-martial of wrongful use of 3-4, methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy) and lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), Schedule I controlled substances. The airman was sentenced to be confined for 90 days, forfeiture of \$1000 per month for 3 months, and reduced to the grade of E-1.

A senior airman within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was convicted at a summary court-martial for wrongful use of cocaine. The airman was sentenced to be confined for 30 days, reduced to the grade of E-1, a reprimand, and forfeiture of \$1,055 for one month.

Upcoming Proceedings

The following proceedings are open to the public and will take place in the courtroom of the 30th Space Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate:

A preliminary hearing under Article 32, UCMJ, is scheduled for 21 September 2017.

A preliminary hearing under Article 32, UCMJ, is scheduled for 28 September 2017.

A special court-martial is scheduled for 4-6 October 2017.

A special court-martial is scheduled for 17-19 October 2017.

A special court-martial is scheduled for 29 November – 1 December 2017.

Article 15 Actions (Nonjudicial Punishment)

A senior airman assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman first class and a reprimand for one violation of Article 92, UCMJ, failure to obey a lawful order for violating a no contact order issued by the squadron commander.

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An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand for one violation of Article 92, UCMJ, failure to obey a lawful order for violating a no contact order issued by the squadron commander.

A senior airman assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman first class and a reprimand for one violation of Article 92, UCMJ, negligent dereliction of duty for providing alcohol to a person under the age of 21.

An airman basic assigned to the 30th Space Wing received forfeiture of \$799.00 pay per month for two months, restriction to the limits of Vandenberg Air Force Base for 45 days, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 92, UCMJ, negligent dereliction of duty for consuming alcohol under the age of 21 on divers occasions and two violations of Article 134, UCMJ, conduct prejudicial to the good order and discipline in the armed forces and of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces, for wrongful possession of two fake identification cards.

Involuntary Discharges

An airman basic assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for drug abuse.

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions.

Administrative Demotions

None.

From the 30th Space Wing's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate: The Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes commanders to exercise personal discretion in evaluating each case. Commanders consider the nature of the offense, the record of the servicemember, the needs for good order and discipline, the effect of punishment on the servicemember, and the servicemember's record. Every case is unique and is evaluated independently. The Manual for Courts-Martial reminds us that military law promotes justice, assists in the maintenance of good order and discipline in the armed forces, promotes the efficiency and effectiveness of the military establishment, and strengthens the national security of the United States.